

Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*) in bloom at Canal Point. Lake Okeechobee, June 2012



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Scientist Rachael Pierce sets traps to collect wild native Apple Snails for comparison analysis.

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A Basilisk Lizard (*Basiliscus basiliscus*) on the window sill. Field Operations Center West Palm Beach, June 2012

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An American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) guards her nest. Lake Okeechobee, June 2012

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Florida Peninsula Cooter (*Pseudemys floridana peninsularis*) Lemkin Creek, June 2012

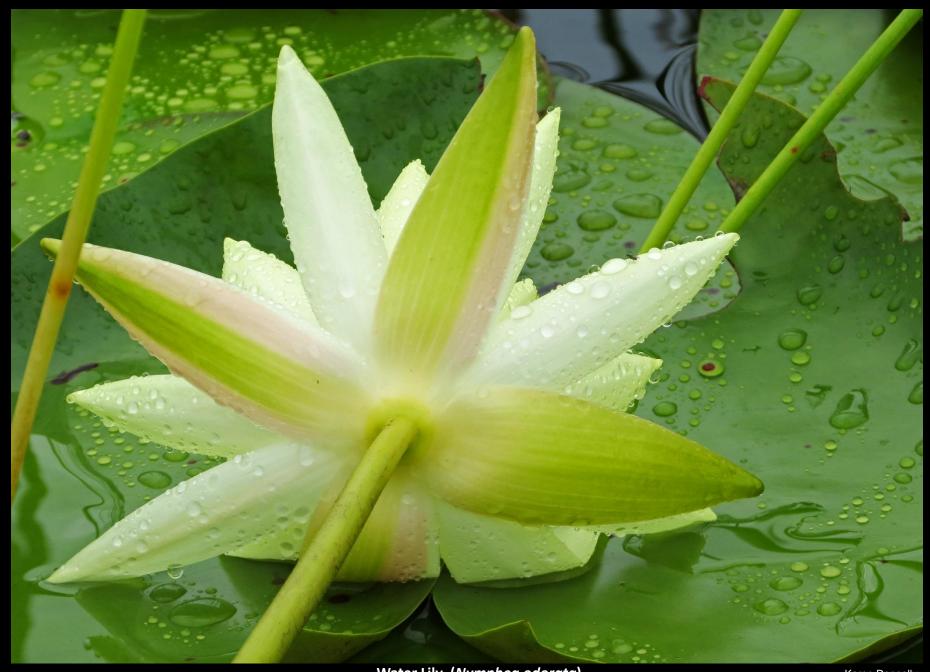


Scientists Andy Rodusky, Therese East, and Amy Peters (I-r) use a throw trap to test Apple Snail recovery in the Lemkin Creek enclosures.



Pickerelweed (*Pontedaria cordata*)

Lake Istokpoga, June 2012





Lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) marsh Lake Okeechobee, June 2012



Lotus up close



Rain showers over Dyess Ditch Lake Okeechobee, June 2012





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Frogs caught in the herpetofauna traps, June 2012







Pig Frogs (Lithobates (Rana) grylio) – adults and tadpole



Southern Leopard Frog (Lithobates (Rana) sphenocephalus)



Southern Chorus Frog (*Pseudacris nigrita***)**



Sunrise on the Kissimmee River



Early morning fishing Kissimmee River, June 2012

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Scientist Mike Cheek conducts a songbird survey Kissimmee River, June 2012



as Burrowing Owls (Athene cunicularia) watch. Kissimmee River, June 2012





Eastern Meadowlark (Sturnella magna) Kissimmee River, June 2012

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